

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, July 7, 1894, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Beinn Bhreagh, Victoria County, Cape Breton, N. S. (Grand Narrows July 7, 1894) Dear Alec:

I am so glad to know from you and Papa's telegrams that my paper was liked. I tried hard to make it worth listening to, and am thankful that you were pleased, and glad Papa was also.

I am glad too that you are keeping well. Don't work too hard my dear.

Your Uncle and Aunt arrived unexpectedly last night and found no one at home to receive them. They went to Crescent Grove and it happened that all the family were staying overnight with me. Aileen and I went over at once to try and persuade them to return with us, but your uncle was too tired, so Aileen staid and I returned, but I was sorry that seven men were kept up for nothing a second night, following the one on which they had been working at the house-boat until 10 P. M.

We expected Charlie Wednesday and accompanied Mr. McCurdy and his family to the Little Narrows in the hope of getting over to Orangedale and surprising them, but wind and tide were against us, and it took the Zuleika 5 hours to pull the house-boat to McNaughton's where Mamma and Papa were, so we were too late to surprise them, and got back 15 minutes after the May Queen, so I was very glad Charlie did not come.

I am writing at McKay's while Gyp and Daisy shop, they have finished, so goodbye.

Ever yours, Mabel.